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1. The BATORY arrived in Sunderland for repairs prior to her sailing [ ] short of 30 stewards. After a great deal of sabling, 15 alleged stewards were sent out from Gdynia, but they proved to be newly recruited members of the local fire service, municipal works, docks, etc. None of them had any idea of their duties and had never sailed before. 25X1
2. The BATORY, which is carrying a full load of passengers [ ] was also short of a nurse. In fact, there was no qualified nurse on board. The ship's doctor [ ] could not answer for the well-being of passengers without qualified assistance. The political officer tried to switch a stewardess to the post of nurse, but the doctor would not have it and finally [ ] nurse was signed on before the ship's departure. [ ] 25X1
3. The foregoing confirms statements from a number of informants that there is a dire shortage of crews in Poland at the moment. This situation has arisen mainly because Chinese crews in ships on the China run are being discharged and replaced by Poles. 1 25X1

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